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SUBJECT: BEIRUT PRESS REPORT ON STATEMENT BY SHAH

1. FOLLOWING PRESS REPORT DATELINED BEIRUT DECEMBER 11
(AP), CARRIED IN WASHINGTON POST DEC. 12:

QUOTE. SHAH ALIGNS IRAN WITH ARABS ON WAR.

THE SHAH OF IRAN WAS QUOTED TODAY AS SAYING HIS HEAVILY
ARMED COUNTRY WOULD JOIN A WAR AGAINST ISRAEL IF THE MIDDLE
EAST CRISIS WAS NOT RESOLVED IN ACCORD WITH U.N. RESOLU-
TIONS.

THE LEBANESE MAGAZINE AL HAWADESS QUOTED HIM AS SAYING A
RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES WOULD AFFECT ALL MOSLEM COUNTRIES,
INCLUDING IRAN, WHICH WOULD ENTER ON THE ARAB SIDE.

"OF COURSE, WE WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE THIS TIME," SAID THE
SHAH, "THAT WAR WOULD BE OURS." UNQUOTE.

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2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT ON ABOVE REPORT. INGERSOLL

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